

CLAIMS:

1. A method of securing valuable articles wherein the articles are provided within a tamper evident primary container (10), the primary container is contained
5 within a secondary container (60), and dispensing means (12) is provided in the secondary container selectively to dispense a staining medium, including the steps of:
- partitioning the primary container (10) into first (30) and second (32) portions that communicate with each other through at least one path (34.2);
 - 10 - inserting articles to be secured into the first portion (30) and sealing (28) at least that portion; and
 - arranging the dispensing means (12) to dispense the staining medium into the second portion (32) when required or activated.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1, including forming a plurality of spaced flow paths (34.1) between the first (30) and second (32) portions.
3. The method of either of claims 1 or 2, including inserting a tube (42) into the second portion (32), and dispensing the staining medium along the tube when
20 required.
4. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3, including substantially sealing the tube to the primary container, in order to ensure that at least a substantial portion of the staining medium is dispensed into the primary container.
- 25 5. A security apparatus including a tamper evident primary container (10), a secondary container (60) to receive the primary container, and dispensing means (12) to dispense a staining medium into the secondary container, wherein:
- the primary container (10) is partitioned into first (30) and second (32) portions that communicate with each other through at least one path (34.2); and
 - 30 - the dispensing means (12) comprises means (42) to direct the staining medium into the second portion of the primary container.

6. The security apparatus of claim 5, wherein the path (34.2) between the first and second portions is arranged to prevent access to the first portion (30) through the second portion (32).
- 5 7. The security apparatus of either of claims 5 or 6, wherein the dispensing means (12) comprises a store (50) of flowable staining medium, means (48, 46) to pressurise the store and means (68) selectively to activate the pressurising means.
- 10 8. The security apparatus of any one of claims 5 to 7, wherein the dispensing means (12) includes a tube (42) that is insertable into the second portion (32, 36) of the primary container.